

MR. MCCLAVE'S DENIALS.
HE SAYS HE TOOK NO BRIBES.

AMINES HIM

GIDEON GRANGER'S RECORD—H. WALTER WEBB

A WITNESS BEFORE THE LEXOW COM.

MITTEE - AN AGED IRISH WOMAN
GIVES THE SENATORS A LOT OF
TROUBLE AND THE AUDI-
ENCE MUCH AMUSE-
MENT

The Lexow Committee of the State Senate which is investigating the Police Department, having put in four days of good hard work this week, adjourned late yesterday afternoon until next Tuesday. Police Commissioner John McClave, who had been a witness fully half the time, at last finished his testimony. De Lancey Nicoll, his counsel, cross-examined him to give him an opportunity to deny specifically the charges made by Gideon Granger, his former son-in-law, and those which were to be inferred from John W. Goff's questions. Mr. McClave's denials were emphatic, complete and sweeping. He said he had never received a dollar, directly or indirectly, for appointing, promoting or transferring a policeman. He dove in at a historical point of the evidence, and noticed that his missing Granger, he declared, was a second-rate man who ought to be in prison for numerous crimes including the uttering of a score of forged checks. Mr. McClave said he had spent \$20.00 to save him from prosecution, for his daughter's sake.

Several other witnesses were called. H. Walter

Webb told having lent \$300 to a man who was a candidate for the police force. Mr. Webb did not know to what use the money was to be put, but knew that the man was now a policeman. This policeman was also a witness, but the hearing was adjourned before his examination could be finished.

A comedy element was furnished by Mrs. Julia Mahony, an old Fourth Warder, who, it was believed, had paid some one to have her sons appointed to the police force. For a long time she seemed to be in a bad business. She gave a dozen reasons for the obtaining of the degrees of irrelevancy. For one thing, she did not want to take an oath because she was over seventy years old; for another, she had never taken one before. But Senator O'Connor's firmness and his knowledge of human nature overcame her objections.

In the absence of Senator Lexow, He said that she would be arrested if she persisted in her refusal, and at last she gave in. Her testimony

A LONG SESSION WAS HELD

MR. MCCLAVE WAS STILL A WITNESS.

MRS. MAHANT, LONG OF THE FOURTH WAS AND NOW OF THE SEVENTH, WAS RELUCTANT TO TESTIFY—SENATOR O'CONNOR OVERCAME HER OBSTINACY WITH A DISPLAY OF FIRMNESS.

"Uncle Dan" Bradley's smiling face appeared in the courtroom a good half-hour before any of the other Senators arrived there, and he spent the time before the session opened in good-natured joking conversation with his friends. By "Uncle Dan" Bradley's friends is meant everybody around him for everybody is a friend of Senator Bradley. "Lexow won't be here to-day," said he. "He's got something on in court this week. His law book

ness is increasing. He'll have to be investigated. Don't know but what I'll have to be investigated myself. My son paid off a mortgage on a house a few days ago, and I think a cigar business in which I have an interest is most profitable. I don't know if it is the most profitable that all this happens while this investigation was going on, wouldn't it? And Senator Bradley chuckled as only Senator Bradley can.

Senator Bradley was joined by Senators O'Connor, Pound and Robertson at 10:30 o'clock, and the session adjourned promptly for the first time since the committee has been at work. Among those who succeeded in passing the doorkeepers was ex-Mayor "Pat" Gleason, of Long Island City, whose gigantic figure towered above everybody else.

II. WALTER WEBB ON THE STAND.

Mr. McClave was about to take the stand, when Mr. Goff asked permission of the committee to take the stand of a candidate of the committee to take the stand. He then called H. Walter Webb, this vice-president of the New-York Central Railroad Co. (By Mr. Goff:—In the early part of 1934 did you

Q.—Or give a check to him? A.—No. I am answering in this way on account of the time.

Q—Did he tell you what he wanted it for? A—No.

Q—Did he say nothing by which you could understand what he wanted the money for? A—No.

Q—Were you aware that the money was to be available him to get on the police force? A—No, I do not know anything about it.

Q—What was his name? A—Patrick Shea.

Q—Was he appointed after you gave him the money? A—Yes.

Q—How soon? A—I do not know how soon.

Q—Was he appointed first three or four weeks after I gave him the money.

Q—The informed you? A—Some of my friends

Q.—Has he repaid you the money? A.—Three four months after that he paid me \$120 or \$130. Soon after he paid me \$100 more. I am not certain whether he has paid the balance.

Q.—Where is he stationed? A.—Near Forty-second and Fifth-ave.

Q.—On the east side? A.—I should judge so. I children have seen him there.

Q.—Has he paid you the sums did he ever say anything about his appointment? A.—No.

Q.—When he applied for the loan did he say anything about the difficulty of getting on a job? A.—He said it took a long time, he had resigned from the service of the New-York Central.

HE NEPDED THE LOAN GREATLY.

Q.—Did he say the money would facilitate his appointment? A.—No. Simply that he was in great need.

Q.—(By Mr. Nicoll)—How long before he borrowed the money had he resigned from the service of the New-York Central? A.—Three or four months.

Q.—Had he been out of employment for some time?
A.—No.
Q.—Had he any means of livelihood? A.—No.
want to add that that was the only thing that
minuted was that he was in need, and his moti-
was dependent upon him for support. My wife
and family were dependent upon him for support,
and I thought that Mr. McClave, regarding his
if it could be obtained, I had known Mr. McClave
before.
Q.—Had you ever written a letter to Mr. A. J.
McClave before? A.—I think not. I may have
seen that letter.
Q.—(By Mr. Goff.)—Was it on the suggestion
that you wrote to Mr. McClave another letter?
Shen that you asked me if I knew any of the Pol-
ice Commissioners. I said I knew Mr. McClave and
another man.
Q.—MR. MCCLAVE FREE OF PERSONAL TAXES.
Mr. Webb was then excused, and Mr. McClave
took the stand again.
Q.—(By Mr. Goff.)—Do you remember the name
of the policeman mentioned by Mr. Webb? A.—Yes.
Q.—Do you remember receiving a letter from
Webb? A.—I think I did.
Q.—Do you remember the letter from Mr. Webb?
A.—I do not remember about them particularly.
Q.—In stating the valuation of your property
other day, how did you separate the real from